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MORNING APRIL 25

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SUMMARY: APRIL 25 MORNING MEETING OF SPECIAL
UNGA ON NAMIBIA TOOK PLACE AGAINST BACKDROP OF NEWS SOUTH
AFRICA HAD JUST ACCEPTED WESTERN SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL,
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AND MOST SPEAKERS DID NOT HAVE TIME TO TAKE THIS INTO
ACCOUNT IN THEIR PREPARED ADDRESSES. HIGHLIGHT OF MORNING
WAS CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DON
JAMIESON'S SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN FIVE. ALTHOUGH
MOST SPEAKERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA, SOVIET PERM REP WARNED OF THE
"DANGEROUS MANEUVERS" OF "THOSE COUNTRIES" PUTTING FORTH

A SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL FOR SELFISH REASONS. (NOTE: SPEAKING ORDER WAS: PANAMA, TANZANIA, CANADA, JORDAN, ND SURINAM.) END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DON JAMIESON'S SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN FIVE HIGHLIGHTED THE APRIL 25 MORNING MEETING OF THE SPECIAL UNGA ON NAMIBIA. IN HIS ADDRESS, JAMIESON DESCRIBED THE ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF THE CONTACT GROUP, GAVE A DETAILED SUMMARY OF ITS WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND THEN TOUCHED UPON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OUR SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. HE ENDED HIS SPEECH BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE FIVE HAD JUST LEARNED OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF ITS PROPOSAL, AN ACTION THE FIVE WELCOMED, AND SAID THAT WE WERE STUDYING THE SAG ANNOUNCEMENT. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF THE JAMIESON SPEECH TO ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. SOVIET PERM REP TROYANOVSKY LAUNCHED A LENGTHY DENUNCIATION OF THE WEST AND ITS "TRANSNATIONAL MONOPOLIES" FOR BEING AT THE ROOT OF THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM THROUGH POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA. HE ASSERTED THAT THE WEST WAS USING SOUTH AFRICA AS A BRIDGEHEAD FOR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND FOR PRESERVING COLONIAL DOMINATION. TROYANOVSKY SCORED THE WEST AND ISRAEL FOR ALLEGEDLY CONTINUING TO COOPERATE WITH PRETORIA

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ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AND CLAIMED THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE COMPLETING WORK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AFTER ENDORSING THE LUSAKA DECLARATION THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND SWAPO'S LIBERATION STRUGGLE, THE SOVIET PERM REP TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO WHAT HE TERMED THE "DANGEROUS MANEUVERS" OF "THOSE COUNTRIES" STRIVING TO PUT FORTH A PROPOSAL MOTIVATED BY THEIR OWN SELFISH INTERESTS AND NOT THOSE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA OF TANZANIA TOLD THE ASSEMBLY THAT ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH SWAPO HAD UNDERTAKEN WAS THE ONLY WAY OF BRINGING ABOUT THE LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA, EITHER BY A MILITARY DEFEAT AT SOUTH AFRICA OR AS AN IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT TANZANIA ENCOURAGED INITIATIVES OF THE KIND TAKEN BY THE FIVE WESTERN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT CONFLICT WITH THE BASIC GOAL OF FREEDOM FOR NAMIBIA. MKAPA EMPHASIZED THAT ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MUST BE IN CONFORMITY WITH SC RESOLUTION 385.

4. AMBASSADOR NUSEIBEH OF JORDAN DESCRIBED THE WESTERN PROPOSAL AS "BASICALLY SOUND", ADDING THAT THE PRO-

CEDURES CALLED FOR APPEARED TO BE "PRACTICAL", ALTHOUGH IT WAS BEST TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHETHER THERE WERE ANY LOOPHOLES IN THE PROVISIONS FOR SECURITY AND THE TRANSFER OF POWER. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONSTITUTION-DRAFTING SKILLS OF THE UN SECRETARIAT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NAMIBIAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND THAT THE UN BE PREPARED TO ASSIST THE NEW NATION WITH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

5. SURINAM PERM REP HEIDWEILLER, REFERRING TO JAMIESON'S SPEECH, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS TOO SOON TO COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS HE NEVERTHELESS HOPED

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THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AND AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. AMBASSADOR ILLUECA OF PANAMA DID NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY ON THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL BUT HE URGED THAT

RESOLUTION 385 BE CARRIED OUT. HE DEMANDED SANCTIONS
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA UNLESS THE SAG PROMPTLY DEPARTED
NAMIBIA AND SAID THAT IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
WAS UNABLE TO ACT IN "THIS UNIQUE CASE", PANAMA WOULD
SUPPORT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION (I.E., A RESOLUTION UNDER
"UNITING-FOR-PEACE" PROCEDURES). YOUNG
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